(*b*) whether they are aware of the popular public opinion as expressed in mass agitations in these cities and elsewhere in the State for immediate reduction in price of foodgrains?

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home Affairs and Agriculture).—

(*a*) As there are nearly 2,40,000 ration cards in these four areas collections of information asked for is too laborious and takes a very long time to compile as each card has to be checked up for the information asked for.

(*b*) No mass agitations have been observed. But a certain section of the public are agitating for reduction of prices.

Foodgrain requirements.

Q.—314. Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA (Honnali).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the estimated deficiency in foodgrains;

(*b*) the quantities of foodgrains imported so far this year;

(*c*) the quantities of foodgrains now in stock?

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home Affairs and Agriculture).—

(*a*) In view of the fundamental changes in the food policy of the State, the deficit as originally estimated, has undergone considerable revision and is now placed at about 94,000 tons for the year 1952.

		Tons
(*b*) Rice	...	7,470
Wheat	...	31,600
Milo	...	26,000
(*c*) Rice	...	54,542
Wheat and wheat products.		19,069
Millets	...	32,084

Excess wheat stocks in Taluks after relaxation of Control.

Q.— 482. Sri U. M. MADAPPA (Chamarajanagar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether it is a fact that after the relaxation of control there has been a stock of 800 to 900 bags of wheat in every taluk and that not even twenty bags of wheat per month are being sold resulting in wheat stocks in the Government godowns getting worm-eaten?

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home Affairs and Agriculture).—

In some taluks, stocks of wheat have become excess owing to a sudden fall in the off-takes in those areas. Arrangements are being made to move such stocks to certain central points where they can be preserved. All steps are being taken to prevent deterioration and infestation.

Request for transporting ten seers of Foodgrains to Towns.

Q.—486. Sri U. M. MADAPPA (Chamarajanagar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether they have under consideration the question of permitting transport of ten seers of ragi, jola or rice without any restriction for *bona fide* domestic consumption to the towns where there are restrictions for the movement of foodgrains.

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home Affairs and Agriculture).—

There are no restrictions on the movement of foodgrains except from and into statutorily rationed areas including towns. The restriction exists only with regard to the four Cities of Bangalore, Mysore, K.G.F. and Davangere, where statutory rationing is in force.

Measures to put down Blackmarketing.

Q.—157. Sri P. R. RAMAIYA (Basavangudi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the measures employed by them to put down blackmarketing in the State;

(*b*) how far these measures have been effective?